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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

BIDI VAPOR, LLC,

Plaintiff

v.

ALDFACTORY, BESTVAPORSELLER, DGMENGOU, DHGATEIUS, ECIGARETTEDIRECT, ECIGCTO, ECIGMANUFACTURE, ECIGSHOP88, ITALY NEST1, LINJIUYONG, ONE CLOUD PUFF, RACHELSHOUSE, SOULLILY, SUNRISE STORE, SUPERVAPES, VAPE08, VAPECGE, VAPEFOREVER, VIDGEWISE001, VIDGEWISE008, WONDERFULECIGS, XI02 and YLHCGH,

Defendants

20-cv-10408 (AT)

PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION ORDER

GLOSSARY

Term	<u>Definition</u>
Plaintiff or BIDI	BIDI Vapor, LLC
Defendants	aldfactory, bestvaporseller, dgmengou, dhgateius, ecigarettedirect, ecigcto, ecigmanufacture, ecigshop88, italy_nest1, linjiuyong, One Cloud Puff, rachelshouse, soullily, sunrise_store, supervapes, vape08, vapecge, vapeforever, vapingforever, vidgewise001, vidgewise008, Wonderfulecigs, xi02 and ylhcgh
DHgate	Dunhuang Group d/b/a DHgate.com, an online marketplace and e-commerce platform which allows manufacturers, wholesalers and other third-party merchants, like Defendants, to advertise, distribute, offer for sale, sell and ship their wholesale and retail products originating from China directly to consumers worldwide and specifically to consumers residing in the U.S., including New York
Epstein Drangel	Epstein Drangel LLP, counsel for Plaintiff
New York Address	244 Madison Ave, Suite 411, New York, New York 10016
Complaint	Plaintiff's Complaint filed on December 10, 2020
Application	Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application for: 1) a temporary restraining order; 2) an order restraining Merchant Storefronts (as defined infra) and Defendants' Assets (as defined infra) with the Financial Institutions (as defined infra); 3) an order to show cause why a preliminary injunction should not issue; 4) an order authorizing bifurcated and alternative service and 5) an order authorizing expedited discovery filed on December 10, 2020
Patel Dec.	Declaration of Niraj Patel in Support of Plaintiff's Application
Drangel Dec.	Declaration of Jason M. Drangel in Support of Plaintiff's Application
BIDI Products	Bidi Stick, a pre-filled, revolutionary e-liquid tank equipped with a fully charged battery and Class A Nicotine for adult smokers
BIDI Marks	U.S. Trademark Registration Nos.: 6,205,778 for " "for goods in Class 34; and 6,208,498 for "BIDI" for goods in Class 34
Counterfeit Products	Products bearing or used in connection with the BIDI Marks, and/or products in packaging and/or containing labels bearing the BIDI Marks, and/or bearing or used in connection with marks that are confusingly similar to BIDI Marks and/or products that are identical or

	confusingly similar to the BIDI Products
Infringing Listings	Defendants' listings for Counterfeit Products
User Accounts	Any and all websites and any and all accounts with online
Osci Accounts	marketplace platforms such as DHgate, as well as any and
	all as yet undiscovered accounts with additional online
	marketplace platforms held by or associated with
	Defendants, their respective officers, employees, agents,
	servants and all persons in active concert or participation
	with any of them
Merchant Storefronts	Any and all User Accounts through which Defendants,
	their respective officers, employees, agents, servants and
	all persons in active concert or participation with any of
	them operate storefronts to manufacture, import, export,
	advertise, market, promote, distribute, display, offer for
	sale, sell and/or otherwise deal in Counterfeit Products,
	which are held by or associated with Defendants, their
	respective officers, employees, agents, servants and all
	persons in active concert or participation with any of them
Defendants' Assets	Any and all money, securities or other property or assets
	of Defendants (whether said assets are located in the U.S.
	or abroad)
Defendants' Financial	Any and all financial accounts associated with or utilized
Accounts	by any Defendants or any Defendants' User Accounts or
	Merchant Storefront(s) (whether said account is located in the U.S. or abroad)
Financial Institutions	Any and all banks, financial institutions, credit card
Thanciai institutions	companies and payment processing agencies, such as
	DHgate (e.g., DHpay.com), PayPal Inc. ("PayPal"),
	Payoneer Inc. ("Payoneer") and PingPong Global
	Solutions, Inc. ("PingPong") and other companies or
	agencies that engage in the processing or transfer of
	money and/or real or personal property of Defendants
Third Party Service	Online platforms, including, without limitation, those
Providers	owned and operated, directly or indirectly by DHgate, as
	well as any and all as yet undiscovered online marketplace
	platforms and/or entities through which Defendants, their
	respective officers, employees, agents, servants and all
	persons in active concert or participation with any of them
	manufacture, import, export, advertise, market, promote,
	distribute, offer for sale, sell and/or otherwise deal in
	Counterfeit Products which are hereinafter identified as a
	result of any order entered in this action, or otherwise

WHERAS, Plaintiff having moved *ex parte* on December 10, 2020 against Defendants for the following: 1) a temporary restraining order; 2) an order restraining Merchant Storefronts and Defendants' Assets with the Financial Institutions; 3) an order to show cause why a preliminary injunction should not issue; 4) an order authorizing bifurcated and alternative service and 5) an order authorizing expedited discovery;

WHEREAS, the Court entered an Order ("TRO") granting Plaintiff's Application on December 11, 2020 which ordered Defendants to appear on December 21, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to show cause why a preliminary injunction should not issue ("Show Cause Hearing");

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2020, the Court entered an Order, *inter alia*, extending the TRO to January 12, 2021 and adjourning the December 21, 2020 Show Cause Hearing to January 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. ("December 18, 2020 Order");

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2020, pursuant to the alternative methods of service authorized by the TRO, Plaintiff served the Summons, Complaint, TRO, all papers filed in support of the Application and the December 18, 2020 Order on each and every Defendant;

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2021, the Court entered an order extending the TRO to January 26, 2021 for good cause, and adjourned the Show Cause Hearing to January 25, 2021;

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2021, the Court entered an order adjourning the Show Cause Hearing to January 26, 2021;

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2021 at 1:00 p.m., Plaintiff appeared at the Show Cause Hearing, however, no Defendants appeared.

ORDER

1. The injunctive relief previously granted in the TRO shall remain in place through the pendency of this litigation, and issuing this Order is warranted under Federal Rule of Civil

Procedure 65 and Section 34 of the Lanham Act.

- a) Accordingly, Defendants are hereby restrained and enjoined from engaging in any of the following acts or omissions pending the final hearing and determination of this action or until further order of the Court:
 - i. manufacturing, importing, exporting, advertising, marketing, promoting, distributing, displaying, offering for sale, selling and/or otherwise dealing in Counterfeit Products or any other products bearing one or more of the BIDI Marks and/or marks that are confusingly similar to, identical to and constitute a counterfeiting and/or infringement of the BIDI Marks;
 - ii. directly or indirectly infringing in any manner any of Plaintiff's BIDI Marks;
 - iii. using any reproduction, counterfeit, copy or colorable imitation of Plaintiff'sBIDI Marks to identify any goods or services not authorized by Plaintiff;
 - iv. using any of Plaintiff's BIDI Marks or any other marks that are confusingly similar to the BIDI Marks on or in connection with Defendants' manufacturing, importing, exporting, advertising, marketing, promoting, distributing, displaying, offering for sale, selling and/or otherwise dealing in Counterfeit Products;
 - v. using any false designation of origin or false description, or engaging in any action which is likely to cause confusion, cause mistake and/or to deceive members of the trade and/or the public as to the affiliation, connection or association of any product manufactured, imported, exported, advertised, marketed, promoted, distributed, displayed, offered for sale or sold by Defendants with Plaintiff, and/or as to the origin, sponsorship or approval of

- any product manufactured, imported, exported, advertised, marketed, promoted, distributed, displayed, offered for sale or sold by Defendants and Defendants' commercial activities and Plaintiff;
- vi. secreting, concealing, destroying, altering, selling off, transferring or otherwise disposing of and/or dealing with: (i) Counterfeit Products and/or (ii) any computer files, data, business records, documents or any other records or evidence relating to their User Accounts, Merchant Storefronts or Defendants' Assets and the manufacture, importation, exportation, advertising, marketing, promotion, distribution, display, offering for sale and/or sale of Counterfeit Products;
- vii. effecting assignments or transfers, forming new entities or associations, or creating and/or utilizing any other platform, User Account, Merchant Storefront or any other means of importation, exportation, advertising, marketing, promotion, distribution, display, offering for sale and/or sale of Counterfeit Products for the purposes of circumventing or otherwise avoiding the prohibitions set forth in this Order; and
- viii. knowingly instructing, aiding or abetting any other person or business entity in engaging in any of the activities referred to in subparagraphs 1(a)(i) through 1(a)(vii) above and 1(b)(i) through 1(b)(ii) and 1(c)(i) below.
- b) Accordingly, the Third Party Service Providers and Financial Institutions are hereby restrained and enjoined from engaging in any of the following acts or omissions pending the final hearing and determination of this action or until further order of the Court:

- secreting, concealing, transferring, disposing of, withdrawing, encumbering or paying Defendants' Assets from or to Defendants' Financial Accounts until further ordered by this Court;
- ii. secreting, concealing, destroying, altering, selling off, transferring or otherwise disposing of and/or dealing with any computer files, data, business records, documents or any other records or evidence relating to the Defendants' User Accounts, Merchant Storefronts, Defendants' Assets and the manufacture, importation, exportation, advertising, marketing, promotion, distribution, display, offering for sale and/or sale of Counterfeit Products; and
- iii. knowingly instructing, aiding, or abetting any other person or business entity in engaging in any of the activities referred to in subparagraphs 1(a)(i) through 1(a)(vii) and 1(b)(i) through 1(b)(ii) above.
- c) Accordingly, the Third Party Service Providers are hereby restrained and enjoined from engaging in any of the following acts or omissions pending the final hearing and determination of this action or until further order of the Court:
 - providing services to Defendants, Defendants' User Accounts and Defendants'
 Merchant Storefronts, including, without limitation, continued operation of
 Defendants' User Accounts and Merchant Storefronts insofar as they are
 connected to the Counterfeit Products;
 - ii. secreting, concealing, destroying, altering, selling off, transferring or otherwise disposing of and/or dealing with any computer files, data, business records, documents or any other records or evidence relating to the Defendants' User Accounts, Merchant Storefronts, Defendants' Assets and the manufacture,

- importation, exportation, advertising, marketing, promotion, distribution, display, offering for sale and/or sale of Counterfeit Products; and
- iii. knowingly instructing, aiding, or abetting any other person or business entity in engaging in any of the activities referred to in subparagraphs 1(a)(i) through 1(a)(vii), 1(b)(i) through 1(b)(ii) and 1(c)(i) through 1(c)(ii) above.
- 2. As sufficient cause has been shown, the asset restraint granted in the TRO shall remain in place through the pendency of this litigation, including that:
 - a) within seven (7) days of receipt of notice of this Order, any newly discovered Financial Institutions who are served with this Order shall locate and attach Defendants' Financial Accounts, shall provide written confirmation of such attachment to Plaintiff's counsel and provide Plaintiff's counsel with a summary report containing account details for any and all such accounts, which shall include, at a minimum, identifying information for Defendants and Defendants' User Accounts, contact information for Defendants (including mailing addresses and e-mail addresses), account numbers and account balances for any and all of Defendants' Financial Accounts.
- 3. As sufficient cause has been shown, the expedited discovery previously granted in the TRO shall remain in place through the pendency of this litigation, including that:
 - a) Plaintiff may serve interrogatories pursuant to Rules 26 and 33 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as well as Local Civil Rule 33.3 of the Local Rules for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and Defendants who are served with this Order shall provide written responses under oath to such interrogatories within fourteen (14) days of service to Plaintiff's counsel.
 - b) Plaintiff may serve requests for the production of documents pursuant to Rules 26 and

34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Defendants who are served with this Order, their respective officers, employees, agents, servants and attorneys and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them who receive actual notice of this Order shall produce all documents responsive to such requests within fourteen (14) days of service to Plaintiff's counsel.

- c) Within fourteen (14) days after receiving notice of this Order, all Financial Institutions who receive service of this Order shall provide Plaintiff's counsel with all documents and records in their possession, custody or control (whether located in the U.S. or abroad), relating to any and all of Defendants' Financial Accounts, User Accounts and Merchant Storefronts, including, but not limited to, documents and records relating to:
 - i. account numbers;
 - ii. current account balances;
- iii. any and all identifying information for Defendants and Defendants' User Accounts, including names, addresses and contact information;
- iv. any and all account opening documents and records, including, but not limited to, account applications, signature cards, identification documents, and if a business entity, any and all business documents provided for the opening of each and every of Defendants' Financial Accounts;
- v. any and all deposits and withdrawal during the previous year from each and every of Defendants' Financial Accounts and any and all supporting documentation, including, but not limited to, deposit slips, withdrawal slips, cancelled checks and account statements;
- vi. any and all wire transfers into each and every of Defendants' Financial Accounts

- during the previous year, including, but not limited to, documents sufficient to show the identity of the destination of the transferred funds, the identity of the beneficiary's bank and the beneficiary's account number;
- vii. any and all User Accounts and account details, including, without limitation, identifying information and account numbers for any and all User Accounts that Defendants have ever had and/or currently maintain;
- viii. the identities, location and contact information, including any and all e-mail addresses, of Defendants, their respective officers, employees, agents, servants and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them;
- ix. the nature of Defendants' businesses and operations, methods of payment, methods for accepting payment and any and all financial information, including, but not limited to, information associated with Defendants' User Accounts, a full accounting of Defendants' sales history and listing history under such accounts, and Defendants' Financial Accounts associated with Defendants' User Accounts; and
- x. Defendants' manufacturing, importing, exporting, advertising, marketing, promoting, distributing, displaying, offering for sale and/or selling of Counterfeit Products, or any other products bearing the BIDI Marks and/or marks that are confusingly similar to, identical to and constitute a counterfeiting and/or infringement of the BIDI Marks.
- d) Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of service of this Order, the Third Party Service Providers shall provide to Plaintiff's counsel all documents and records in its possession, custody or control (whether located in the U.S. or abroad) relating to Defendants' User Accounts and

Defendants' Merchant Storefronts, including, but not limited to, documents and records relating to:

- i. any and all User Accounts and Defendants' Merchant Storefronts and account details, including, without limitation, identifying information and account numbers for any and all User Accounts and Defendants' Merchant Storefronts that Defendants have ever had and/or currently maintain with the Third Party Service Providers;
- ii. the identities, location and contact information, including any and all e-mail addresses of Defendants;
- iii. the nature of Defendants' businesses and operations, methods of payment, methods for accepting payment and any and all financial information, including, but not limited to, information associated with Defendants' User Accounts and Defendants' Merchant Storefronts, a full accounting of Defendants' sales history and listing history under such accounts and Defendants' Financial Accounts with any and all Financial Institutions associated with Defendants' User Accounts and Defendants' Merchant Storefronts; and
- iv. Defendants' manufacturing, importing, exporting, advertising, marketing, promoting, distributing, displaying, offering for sale and/or selling of Counterfeit Products, or any other products bearing one or more of the BIDI Marks and/or marks that are confusingly similar to, identical to and constitute an infringement of the BIDI Marks.
- 4. As sufficient cause has been shown, and pursuant to FRCP 4(f)(3), service may be made on, and shall be deemed effective as to Defendants if it is completed by one of the following

means:

- a) delivery of: (i) PDF copy of this Order, or (ii) a link to a secure website (including NutStore, a large mail link created through Rmail.com and via website publication through a specific page dedicated to this Lawsuit accessible through ipcounselorslawsuit.com) where each Defendant will be able to download a PDF copy of this Order to Defendants' e-mail addresses to be determined after having been identified by DHgate pursuant to Paragraph V(C) of the TRO; or
- b) delivery of a message to Defendants through the system for communications established by the Third Party Service Providers on their respective platforms, providing a link to a secure website (such as NutStore or a large mail link created through Rmail.com) where each Defendant will be able to download a PDF copy of this Order.
- 5. As sufficient cause has been shown, that such alternative service by electronic means ordered in the TRO and herein shall be deemed effective as to Defendants through the pendency of this action.
- 6. Defendants are hereby given notice that they may be deemed to have actual notice of the terms of this Order and any act by them or anyone of them in violation of this Order may be considered and prosecuted as in contempt of this Court.
- 7. The \$5,000.00 bond posted by Plaintiff shall remain with the Court until a final disposition of this case or until this Order is terminated.
- 8. This Order shall remain in effect during the pendency of this action, or until further order of the Court.

9. Any Defendants that are subject to this Order may appear and move to dissolve or modify the Order on two (2) days' notice to Plaintiff or on shorter notice as set by the Court.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 26, 2021

New York, New York

ANALISA TORRES

United States District Judge